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*Stated Meeting, January 2, 1885.*

Present, 12 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from Prof. Alexander Winchell (115); Smithsonian Institution (115); and L'Academie des Sciences, Lisbonne (Trans. N. S. XVI., i., and Proc. 112, 113).

Letters of envoy were received from the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., and the Hamilton Association of Canada.

Donations for the Library were received from the Geological Survey of India; the Society of Naturalists at Riga; the Batavian Society of Experimental Philosophy; the Royal Academy of Belgium; the Royal Academy of History at Madrid; the Royal Astronomical Society; Mr. E. W. Maunder, Mr. John Evans and Sir Richard Owen, of London; the Hamilton Association; the Boston Society of Natural History; the American Journal of Science; the Chemical Society of New York; Vassar Brothers' Institute; the Academy of Natural Sciences and the Library Company, of Philadelphia; Dr. Persifor Frazer; Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr.; Haverford College; the American Journal of Philology; Johns Hopkins University; the U. S. Naval Observatory and the Department of the Interior.

A letter was received from Gen. Hazen, Chief Signal Officer, U. S. A., requesting a copy of the Society's Catalogue, which was ordered to be sent.

A letter was received from Alfred Hölder, Vienna, notifying the Society that he could supply the residue of "Die Gastropoden \* \*, von R. Hoernes and M. Auinger."

Prof. E. D. Cope made a communication on the Fossils of the Miocene Period of the Dominion of Canada, and exhibited specimens of the same.

Dr. Daniel G. Brinton read a communication entitled "The Lineal Measures of the Semi-civilized Nations of Mexico and Central America."

Pending nominations, Nos. 1031 to 1049 inclusive, were read.

The report of the judges of the annual election was read, and the following officers were declared duly elected for the ensuing year, 1885 :

*President,*

Frederick Fraley.

*Vice-Presidents,*

E. Otis Kendall, Pliny E. Chase, W. S. W. Ruschenberger.

*Secretaries,*

George F. Barker, Daniel G. Brinton, Henry Phillips, Jr.,  
J. Peter Lesley.

*Councillors for three years,*

Aubrey H. Smith, George R. Morehouse, Charles A. Ashburner, Edward D. Cope.

*Councillor for one year, in the place of Robert E. Rogers, deceased,*

Persifor Frazer.

*Curators,*

George H. Horn, Philip H. Law, Charles Gordon Ames.

*Treasurer,*

J. Sergeant Price.

Nominations for Librarian being in order, a letter was read from Prof. J. P. Lesley declining a renomination; whereupon Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., was nominated for the position of Librarian.

The following resolution was then offered by Mr. J. Sergeant Price:

*Resolved*, That the members of the Society learn with regret of Prof. Lesley's determination of declining a renomination as Librarian, a position which he has occupied for twenty-two years, and they desire to express to him and to place on record their appreciation of the great value of his services to the Society.

Remarks were made by Messrs. Price, Brinton, Ashburner and the President of the Society, bearing witness to Mr. Lesley's zeal and activity in his office, and expressing their regret that his health and avocations would no longer permit him to continue in his position. The resolutions were then unanimously adopted, and ordered to be engrossed and forwarded to Prof. Lesley.

The Committee of Publication reported in favor of publishing the Dictionary of the Lenapi language, by Zeisberger, at a cost for its preparation not to exceed three hundred dollars. The report was accepted, and the Society ordered the publication of the same, referring to the Finance Committee the consideration of the question of ways and means.

Prof. Cope offered the following resolutions, which were seconded by Dr. Brinton, and adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The cause of education in science is retarded by the restrictions placed by Congress on the importation of scientific books and apparatus; whereas we believe that advance in the arts and industries depends on the development of science, and is impeded by the before-mentioned import duties, and that all restrictions on education and scientific research are unworthy of enlightened government; whereas the scientific books published abroad are absolutely essential to students and investigators, and are but rarely duplicated in this country; whereas the value of scientific apparatus is in nearly all cases dependent on the individuality of the maker; and whereas colleges and incorporated institutions are now per-

mitted to import apparatus duty free, while private investigators, usually less able to afford expense, are obliged to pay duty, therefore

*Be it Resolved*, That the American Philosophical Society hereby requests the representatives of the State of Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States to use all possible efforts to have placed on the free list books pertaining to the physical, natural and medical sciences, and apparatus intended for purposes of scientific research or of education, and further be it

*Resolved*, That a copy of these preambles and resolutions be forwarded to each member of Congress from the State of Pennsylvania.

And the meeting was adjourned.

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*Stated Meeting, January 16, 1885.*

Present, 20 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Donations for the Library were received from the Mining Department at Melbourne; the Academy of Arts and Sciences at Batavia; the Royal Asiatic Society; the Royal Academy dei Lincei; the Geographical Society at Paris; the Revue Politique; the Meteorological Society and Meteorological Council at London; the Journal of Forestry; London Nature; the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada; the Boston Society of Natural History; the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy; the American Chemical Society; Mr. R. R. Bowker, New York; Mr. C. E. Beecher, of Albany; the American Journal of the Medical Sciences; the College of Pharmacy; the Franklin Institute; Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr.; Dr. E. W. Syle; the American Chemical Journal; Johns Hopkins University; the Treasury Department; the Chief Signal Office; the United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries; Mr. Jed. Hotchkiss, of Staunton, Va.; and the Minnesota Historical Society.